

The Department of Justice (DOJ) will receive \$4 billion from the Recovery Act. These funds will go towards the following projects:



[Office of Justice Programs](#) , [COPS Hiring Recovery Program \(CHRP\)](#) , [Office on Violence Against Women](#) , and [Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives](#)

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DOJ Programs Receiving Funding

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants (JAG): \$2 billion

Description: "The JAG Program, administered by OJP's Bureau of Justice Assistance, allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system. The procedure for allocating JAG grants is based on a formula of population and violent crime statistics, in combination with a minimum allocation to

ensure that each state and territory receives an appropriate share of funding. Sixty percent of the allocation is awarded to the state and 40 percent is set aside for units of local governments.

Funding that is awarded directly to the state governments, will be administered by a State Administering Agency (SAA) which will then set priorities and allocate funds within that state. Additional information about SAAs can be found at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/saa/index.htm ." (from [OJP's Information Related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009](#))

Type of funding: Formula

How to apply: The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) calculates for each *state and territory* a minimum base allocation which (based on the statutory JAG formula) may be enhanced by (1) the state's share of the national population and (2) the state's share of the country's Part 1 violent crime statistics. Once the state funding is calculated, 60 percent of the allocation is awarded to the state and 40 percent to eligible units of local government.

For information on how much as been allocated to Minnesota, [click here](#) .

Edward Byrne Competitive Grant Program: \$225 million

Description: "Byrne Competitive Grants are similar to JAG grants and are focused on ensuring job growth and job retention. However, instead of providing grants based on a formula, BJA administers these funds based on a competitive application process. These grants help state and local communities improve the capacity of local justice systems and may be used for national efforts such as training and technical assistance. Applicants may be national, regional, state, or local public and private entities, including for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher education, tribal jurisdictions, and units of local government that support the functioning of the criminal justice

system." (from [OJP's Information Related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009](#))

Type of funding: Competition

How to apply: The application deadline for this program is 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 27, 2009. Information on how to apply for these grants is available at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recovery/RecoveryByrne.pdf>

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Tribal Law Enforcement: \$225 million

Description: The "BJA will be making awards to assist tribes in cost effectively constructing and renovating correctional facilities on tribal lands associated with the incarceration and rehabilitation of juvenile and adult offenders subject to tribal jurisdiction." (from [OJP's Information Related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009](#))

Type of funding: Competition

How to apply: The application deadline for this program is 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time on May 4, 2009. Information on how to apply for these grants is available at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recovery/RecoveryTribalCorr.pdf>

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Rural Law Enforcement: \$125 million

Description: The "BJA will be making awards to assist law enforcement in rural states and rural areas through improving the criminal justice system and assisting communities to prevent and combat crime and drugs." (from [OJP's Information Related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009](#))

Type of funding: Competition

How to apply: The application deadline for this program is 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 22, 2009. Information on how to apply for these grants is available at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recovery/RecoveryRuralLE.pdf>

Law Enforcement along the Southern Border and in HIDTA: \$30 million

Description: The State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Program: Combating Criminal Narcotics Activity Stemming from the Southern border of the United States under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 is designed to provide resources for hiring and retention of, and assistance and equipment to local law enforcement along the Southern border and in High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas in order to combat criminal narcotics activity

stemming from the Southern border of the United States. For the purpose of this solicitation, the term "criminal narcotics activity" includes all narcotic drugs listed in the Controlled Substance Act 21 USC §801 et seq. Grant recipients will participate in an evaluation of any programs supported through this solicitation. The National Institute of Justice will manage these evaluation activities through the selection of evaluators, who will work directly with grant recipients. Each applicant must certify their willingness and capacity to participate in an evaluation, including offering full cooperation to the evaluator, and to provide proof of access and data.

Type of funding: Competition

How to apply: The application deadline for this program is 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 17, 2009. Information on how to apply for these grants is available at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recovery/RecoverySouthernBorder.pdf>

Internet Crimes Against Children initiatives: \$50 million

Description: "Administered by OJP's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program helps state and local law enforcement agencies develop an effective response to cyber enticement and child pornography cases. This help encompasses forensic and investigative components, training and technical assistance, victim services, and community education.

The ICAC program is a national network of 59 coordinated task forces, representing more than 2,000 federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies engaged in proactive investigations, forensic examinations, and effective prosecutions. This funding will be used to help state and local law enforcement agencies develop effective, sustainable responses to online child victimization and child pornography. Additional information about how to apply will be announced soon." (from [OJP's Information Related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009](#))

Type of funding: Competition

How to apply: Applicants are limited to only those States and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies who are currently receiving funds under the ICAC Task Force Program. The application deadline for this program is 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 17, 2009. Information on how to apply for these grants is available at <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grants/solicitations/FY2009/ARRAICACTaskForceProgram.pdf>

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Victim Compensation and Assistance: \$100 million

Description: There are two grant programs that will be funded with these funds:

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Compensation Formula Grant Program

Each eligible state victim compensation program will be awarded a Recovery Act - VOCA Victim Compensation Formula Grant to support the provision of crucial financial assistance to victims of crime. Each state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and any other possession or territory of the United States that has an established crime victim compensation program is eligible to receive a grant. Funds will be administered by OVC under the applicable provisions of VOCA, 42 U.S.C. 10602(a), the Final Program Guidelines for the VOCA Crime Victim Compensation Formula Grant Program, and the applicable provisions of the American Recovery and Restoration Act of 2009, H.R. 1.

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program

Each eligible state victim assistance program will be awarded a Recovery Act - VOCA Victim Assistance Formula Grant to support the provision of services to victims of crime. Services are defined as those efforts that (1) respond to the emotional and physical needs of crime victims; (2) assist primary and secondary victims of crime to stabilize their lives after a victimization; (3) assist victims to understand and participate in the criminal justice system; and (4) provide victims of crime with a measure of safety and security such as boarding up broken windows and replacing and repairing locks. Each state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and Northern Mariana Islands is eligible to receive a grant. Funds will be administered by OVC under the applicable provisions of VOCA, 42 U.S.C. 10603(a), the Final Program Guidelines for the VOCA Crime Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program, and the applicable provisions of the American Recovery and Restoration Act of 2009, H.R. 1.

(from [Recovery Act - OVC FY 09 VOCA Formula Grant Program Funding](#))

Type of funding: Formula

How to apply: OVC will only accept applications from those state agencies designated by the Governor to administer the state VOCA crime victim compensation and victim assistance programs.

For information on funds allocated to Minnesota, [click here](#) .

COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP): \$1 billion

Description: "CHRP is a competitive grant program that provides funding directly to law enforcement agencies having primary law enforcement authority to create and preserve jobs and to increase their community policing capacity and crime-prevention efforts. There is no local match requirement for CHRP, but grant funding will be based on current entry-level salary and benefits packages and therefore any additional costs for higher salaries or benefits for particular individuals hired will be the responsibility of the grantee agency.

CHRP grants will provide 100 percent funding for approved entry-level salaries and benefits for 3 years (36 months) for newly-hired, full-time sworn officer positions (including filling existing unfunded vacancies) or for rehired officers who have been laid off, or are scheduled to be laid off on a future date, as a result of local budget cuts." (from [COPS Hiring Recovery Program \(CHRP\)](#))

Type of funding: Competition

How to apply: Applications for CHRP grants will be accepted online via the COPS Office web site at www.cops.usdoj.gov beginning March 16, 2009 through April 14, 2009.

STOP Formula Grant Program: \$140 million

Description: "The STOP (Services • Training • Officers • Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program (STOP Program) promotes a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to improving the criminal justice system's response to violent crimes against women. The STOP Program encourages the development and strengthening of effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to address violent crimes against women and the development and strengthening of victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women.

The STOP Program was initially authorized under the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 (VAWA) and reauthorized and amended by the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 (VAWA 2000) and by the Violence Against Women Act of 2005 (VAWA 2005). The STOP Program is administered by the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), U.S. Department of Justice." (from [STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program](#))

Type of funding: Formula

How to apply: All states, territories, and the District of Columbia are eligible to apply for a STOP formula grant award. To be eligible for funds, states must meet all application requirements and must certify that they are in compliance with the statutory eligibility requirements of the Violence Against Women Act as amended. (42 U.S.C. §§ 3796gg- through 3796gg-5).

For information on funds allocated to Minnesota, [click here](#) .

State Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions: \$8.75 million

Description: "State sexual assault coalitions and state domestic violence coalitions have played a critical role in the implementation of VAWA, serving as a collective voice to end violence against women through collaboration with federal, state, and local organizations. Statewide sexual assault coalitions provide direct support to member rape crisis centers through funding, training and technical assistance, public awareness, and public policy advocacy. Statewide domestic violence coalitions provide comparable support to member domestic violence shelters and service providers. In some states and territories, these support services are provided through one dual sexual assault and domestic violence coalition. In a few other states, multiple state sexual assault and/or domestic violence coalitions exist.

In the Violence Against Women Act of 2000, Public Law 106-386, Congress authorized the Attorney General to award grants to state sexual assault and domestic violence coalitions. The Grants to State Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions Program is intended to provide federal financial assistance to state coalitions to support the coordination of state victim services activities, and collaboration and coordination with federal, state, and local entities engaged in violence against women activities." (from [Grants to State Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions Program](#))

Type of funding: Grants

How to apply: State Sexual Assault Coalitions and State Domestic Violence Coalitions will receive up to \$78,125 each, and dual Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Coalitions will receive up to \$156,250. Eligible applicants are HHS-designated State coalitions. For more information on how to apply for this program, please visit www.usdoj.gov/ovw.

Transitional Housing Assistance Program: \$43 million

Description: "The OVW Transitional Housing Assistance Program Grant for Victims of Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Stalking, or Sexual Assault Program (Transitional Housing Assistance Program) focuses on a holistic, victim-centered approach to provide transitional housing services that move individuals into permanent housing.

Grants made under this grant program support programs that provide assistance to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking who are in need of transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, and related support services. It is critical that successful transitional housing programs provide a wide range of flexible and optional services that reflect the differences and individual needs of victims and that allows victims to choose the course of action that is best for them.

Transitional housing programs may offer individualized services such as counseling, support groups, safety planning, and advocacy services as well as practical services such as licensed child care, employment services, transportation vouchers, telephones, and referrals to other agencies. Trained staff and case managers may also be available to work with clients to help them determine and reach their goals." (from [Transitional Housing Grant Program](#))

Type of funding: Grants

How to apply: Under 42 U.S.C. § 13975(a), Transitional Housing Assistance Program grants may be awarded to States, units of government, Indian tribes, and other organizations, including domestic violence and sexual assault victim service providers, domestic violence and sexual

assault coalitions, other nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations, or community-based and culturally specific organizations, that have a documented history of effective work concerning domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. For more information on how to apply for this program, please visit www.usdoj.gov/ovw .

Tribal Governments Grant Program: \$20.8 million

Description: "OVW's Tribal Governments Program awards funds to develop and enhance effective plans for tribal governments to respond to violence committed against Indian women; strengthen the tribal criminal justice system; improve services available to help Indian women who are victims of violence; create community education and prevention campaigns; address the needs of children who witness domestic violence; provide supervised visitation and safe exchange programs; provide transitional housing assistance; and provide legal advice and representation to survivors of violence who need assistance with legal issues caused by the abuse or the violence they suffered." (from [Indian Tribal Governments Grant Program](#))

Type of funding: Grants

How to apply: Eligible applicants are federally recognized Indian tribal governments, their authorized designees, or a tribal consortium of federally recognized Indian tribal governments. For more information about this program, please visit www.ovw.usdoj.gov/indian-tribal-gov-grant.htm .

Tribal Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Coalitions: \$2.8 million

Description: "The Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Grant Program (Tribal Coalitions Program), authorized in the Violence Against Women Act of 2000 (VAWA 2000), builds the capacity of survivors, advocates, Indian women's organizations, and victim service providers to form nonprofit, nongovernmental tribal domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions to end violence against American Indian and Alaska Native women.

OVW's Tribal Coalitions Program grants are used to increase awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault against American Indian and Alaska Native women; enhance the response to violence against women at the tribal, federal, and state levels; and identify and provide technical assistance to coalition membership and tribal communities to enhance access to essential services." (from [Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Grant Program](#))

Type of funding: Grants

How to apply: Eligible applicants are established nonprofit, nongovernmental tribal coalitions addressing domestic violence and sexual assault against American Indian and Alaska Native women or individuals or organizations that propose to incorporate as nonprofit, nongovernmental tribal coalitions. For more information about this program, please visit www.ovw.usdoj.gov/TribalCol.htm

Southwest Border Initiative - ATF's Project Gunrunner: \$10 million

Description: "The Administration's southwest border initiative will reduce cross border drug and weapons trafficking, and the associated high level of violence occurring on the border between the U.S. and Mexico. The primary role of ATF's Project Gunrunner in support of this initiative is to stem the illegal trafficking of firearms across the border and to reduce the firearms violence occurring on both sides of the border.

\$10 million in ARRA funding is hiring 37 ATF employees to open, staff (via new hire and relocation of senior personnel,) equip, and operate new Project Gunrunner criminal enforcement teams in McAllen, TX; El Centro, CA; and Las Cruces, NM (which includes a subordinate satellite office in Roswell, NM.). Additionally, these funds support the assignment of two special agents to each of the U.S. consulates in Juarez and Tijuana, Mexico to provide direct support to Mexican officials on firearms-trafficking-related issues.

By curtailing the availability of firearms to the Mexican drug cartels, ATF will diminish their ability to export drugs to the U.S. In addition, by removing the guns from the cartel's lethal resources, ATF will directly affect their ability to operate and concurrently suppress the firearms - related violence that occurs on both sides of the southwest border." (from [Recovery Act Information](#))

Type of funding: Agency Plans

How to apply: These funds will be used by the ATF. For more information on this program, visit <http://www.atf.gov/gunrunner/gunrunner.htm> .